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FOR D/HA

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: REFUGEES IN ANGOLA

FOLLOWING URGENT LETTER RECEIVED FROM UNHCR QUOTED FOR YOUR ACTION:

QUOTE: DEAR MR. AMBASSADOR, WE SHOULD LIKE TO BRING TO YOUR ATTENTION AN URGENT PROBLEM IN CONNECTION WITH CURRENT EVENTS IN ANGOLA. AS YOU ARE NO DOUBT AWARE, AS A RESULT OF THE POLITICAL SITUATION PREVAILING THERE GROUPS OF CAPE VERDIANS RESIDING THERE HAVE BEEN DISPLACED FROM THEIR VILLAGES AND ARE NOW LIVING IN VERY PRECARIOUS CONDITIONS. THE ONLY SOLUTION FOR THE MAJORITY OF THEM SEEMS TO CONSIST IN URGENT REPATRIATION TO CAPE VERDE. ACCORDING TO PRESENT INFORMATION THERE ARE WITHIN THIS CATEGORY SOME 6,000 PERSONS IN LUANDA AND SOME 1,000 PERSONS IN NOVA LISBOA. THE GROUP IN NOVA LISBOA REQUIRES THE MOST URGENT ACTION BEFORE 2 OR 3 OCTOBER 1975, AFTER WHICH DATE THE PORTUGUESE TECHNICAL PERSONNEL WHO ARE RUNNING THE AIRPORT WILL HAVE LEFT THAT CITY.

UNHCR HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO LEND ITS GOOD OFFICES TO THIS OPERATION FOR WHICH WE ARE INTENDING TO SOLICIT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FROM ICEM. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THE UNCLASSIFIED

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS PLANNING TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL

AIRCRAFT FOR TH EVACUATION PROGRAMME FROM ANGOLA. IN
VIEW OF THE URGENCY OF THE SITUATION IT WOULD BE VERY MUCH
APPRECIATED IF YOUR GOVERNMENT COULD ASSIST US BY MAKING
AIRCRAFT AVAIABLE FOR THE LIMITED EVACUATION OPERATION OF THE
GROUP FROM NOVA LISBOA, WHICH WILL BE FINANCED OUT OF
EXISTING INTERNATIONAL FUNDS. SINCERELY YOURS, CHARLES H.
MACE, DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER. UNQUOTE DALE

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